

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES

OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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SEVENTH DISTRICT.

County.—Rusk.

REPRESENTATIVE C. J. GARRISON is a native of Georgia, where he was educated in some of the best schools of the State. He came to Texas when twenty-four years of age, and settled in Eastern Texas, in which portion of the State he has continued to reside.

Mr. Garrison was assistant secretary of the Texas Senate in 1853, and engrossing clerk of the Senate in 1854. He was quartermaster and lieutenant in a regiment of Texas mounted volunteers, in the frontier service, in 1856. Subsequently he filled the position of clerk of the county court of Rusk county. In 1858 he was assistant superintendent of public works on the Sabine river. Just previous to this he had studied law with J. H. Parsons, and in 1855 was admitted to the bar. Having married in 1856, he retired from practice, settled upon a farm, and has since then devoted his time to farming and merchandising.

Mr. Garrison has always been a Democrat. He was nominated by a party convention of his district for the position of Representative, and was elected by about six hundred majority. He is an active member of the House, and a man of prepossessing manners and appearance.

He is forty-nine years old, and possessed of an excellent physique.